



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2016 AT 8PM IN THE COMMUNITY OFFICE

Present Jeremy Bell (JB) - Chairman
Jo Read (JR)
Jane Bryant
Terry Jackson

Officer: Kristina Tynan

Members of the Public: 2

1. Apologies for Absence
Bob West, Jon Lorimer, Matt Reid
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2015 were accepted by Council on 8 December 2015
Resolved: That these minutes were a correct record of this meeting and that they be signed by the Chairman.
3. Declarations of Interest
There were none.
4. Matters Arising
There were no matters arising.
5. Public Questions
Tom Bindoff : Dealing with planning applications is the most critical process the Parish Council undertakes as it directly affects individual applicants. There are lessons to be learnt from the Marigold Cottage planning application. The Planning Committee must be seen to be fair and transparent and that the process is well established. It would be helpful to have a protocol for planning applications by having a set of rules in which applications are dealt with through the whole process. This 'procedure' could also be given to applicants which would show the steps that will be gone through and how the application will be judged. Some applicants may not know which planning policies will be used. Things which could be included are the timescale, integrity standards of planning committee members which could show also that applicants cannot influence members; that they have the opportunity to address the Committee and speak at a meeting and also that opponents also have the opportunity to speak; how and when Site Visits would be arranged; the NDF and SODC policies that can be used; that the Planning Committee responses to SODC must relate to Material Considerations.
TB asked that the Planning Committee consider this at a future meeting.

After TB has spoken the Committee agreed that this be an agenda item for the February meeting and that TJ with KT assisting will draw up a draft 'procedure' which can be discussed at the meeting.

6. To consider the following applications:-
 P15/S3913/HH 14 Church Street, Watlington
 First floor extension over existing ground floor
NO OBJECTION – UNANIMOUS

P15/S4045/HH 32 Pauls Way, Watlington
 Single storey front extension and extension to existing dropped kerb
NO OBJECTION – UNANIMOUS

P15/S4112/FUL The Well House, Greenfield
 Demolition of the original dwelling and construction of a new dwelling to match the scheme approved in application P14/S4089/HH on 2 March 2015
The Planning Committee were unable to come to a decision on this application as there were 2 sets of proposed ground floor plans and no existing plan also there were 2 sets of proposed elevations and no existing. There was no indication of which of the proposed plans, which are different, that we should be considering. It is suggested that this be referred back to the Registration Team.

P15/S3596/HH White Cottage, Road Between Hartwood and Northend, Northend
 Demolition of single storey rear wing and conservatory and construction of two storey rear extension.
Vote: 2 in favour, 2 abstentions
NO OBJECTION

P15/S3878/HH 30 Brook Street, Watlington
 Erection of two storey extension, single storey rear extension and new car port.
Vote: 3 in favour, 1 abstention
NO OBJECTION

7. Decisions

<u>Application</u>	<u>SODC Decision</u>	<u>WPC Recommendation</u>
P15/S3388/FUL Little Acres Farm	Planning Permission is GRANTED	<i>No Objection</i>
P15/S3410/HH 23 Spring Lane	Planning Permission is GRANTED	<i>No Objection</i>

All decisions were noted.

8. Correspondence
 1) Donna Seymour re Turkeys' arrival at Little Acres Farm –**It was noted that there are now turkeys at Little Acres Farm.**

9. Any Other Business

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.15PM